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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.

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Letter Vacating Final Office Action

Applicant's request for a three (3) months Suspension of Action filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on May 2, 2006 is hereby acknowledged. It appears that there was an oversight of the request for Suspension of Action and a final office action was mailed subsequent to the filing of the RCE.

Therefore, the Final Office action mailed on March 8, 2006 is hereby vacated for processing of the Suspension for Action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rena L. Dye', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rena L. Dye
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